

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:181

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PRODUCTION OF PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of pulses, pulse-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of pulse production in the country as compared to world production;
- (c) the per capita availability of pulses in the country in the year 2000 and the current year;
- (d) the area of land under pulse cultivation in the country, State-wise as on date;
- (e) whether the production of pulses is estimated to be lower this year as compared to previous year;
- (f) if so, the details with the reasons for the same;
- (g) the manner in which its shortage is likely to be met; and
- (h) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government to increase the pulses production in the country to meet the requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 181 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2005.

(a): The production of pulses, pulse-wise and state-wise for the year 2004-05 are given in the Annexure-I.

(b): As per the FAO Production Year Book, India produces around 21% of the World production.

(c): The per capita availability of pulses in the country was 11.6 kg per annum in 2000 which increased to 13.0 kg per annum in 2004.

(d): The area under pulses during the kharif season 2005-06 at the all India level was 114.02 lakh hectares. Rabi sowing season is in progress and as per the reports available as on 28.11.2005, the area coverage under pulses during the current rabi season is 80.78 lakh hectares.

State-wise details are given in the Annexure-II.

(e)&(f): As per the first advance estimates of production of foodgrains, the kharif production of pulses in 2005-06 is estimated at 4.98 million tonnes which is marginally higher than the estimated production of 4.95 million tonnes in 2004-05. As far as rabi pulses production is concerned, sowing of pulses is still continuing and at this juncture no shortfall in production of rabi pulses is anticipated as compared to last year.

(g): Production of pulses is generally less than the requirement in the country. The gap between demand and supply is made up by imports. India imported 12.96 lakh tonnes of pulses valued at Rs.1718.64 crores during April 2004 to March 2005.

(h): In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize' (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and minikits, infrastructure development, integrated pest management etc. Besides, front line demonstrations on improved production technologies in oilseeds and pulses are being conducted through Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Annexure - I

State-wise and Pulse-wise Production of Pulses during 2004-05#

Production: `000 Tonnes

State/ UT	Tur Pulses	Other Pulses	Kharif Pulses	Gram	Other	Rabi	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6		
Andhra Pradesh	219	151	346	293	1009		
Assam	6	20	2	76	104		
Bihar	45	34	51	375	505		
Chhattisgarh	31	50	114	170	365		
Gujarat	234	146	107	19	506		
Haryana	30	22	105	10	167		
Himachal Pradesh	9	8	4	6	27		
Jammu & Kashmir	-	38	-	41	79		
Jharkhand	49	69	25	42	185		
Karnataka	304	215	200	42	761		
Kerala	4	-	-	3	7		
Madhya Pradesh	257	237	2549	384	3427		
Maharashtra	648	505	522	25	1700		
Orissa	88	83	20	67	258		
Punjab	8	14	5	9	36		
Rajasthan	13	487	820	36	1356		
Tamil Nadu	25	58	47	102	232		
Uttar Pradesh	580	186	669	921	2356		
Uttranchal	1	13	2	12	28		
West Bengal	-	31	40	138	209		
Others	10	24	2	28	64		
All India	2561	2391	5630	2799	13381		

#4th Advance Estimates

Annexure-II

Area under Pulses Cultivation

(Lakh Hectares)

S.No.	State/UTs	Kharif	Rabi
	(as on 28.11.05)		
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	9.84	2.73
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.05	0.02
3	Assam	0.00	0.83
4	Bihar	1.70	0.50
5	Chhattisgarh	4.32	3.84
6	Goa	0.01	0.00
7	Gujarat	6.10	0.68
8	Haryana	0.65	1.28
9	Himachal Pradesh	0.30	0.30
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0.18	0.06
11	Jharkhand	2.04	0.06
12	Karnataka	12.59	3.87
13	Kerala	0.01	0.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	9.53	27.77
15	Maharashtra	21.58	4.80
16	Manipur	0.04	0.00
17	Meghalaya	0.01	0.00
18	Mizoram	0.04	0.00
19	Nagaland	0.17	0.06
20	Orissa	6.89	2.09
21	Punjab	0.32	0.16
22	Rajasthan	25.27	9.22
23	Sikkim	0.05	0.00
24	Tamil Nadu	1.43	3.52
25	Tripura	0.04	0.00
26	Uttar Pradesh	9.89	18.31
27	Uttaranchal	0.31	0.03
28	West Bengal	0.66	0.66
	All India	114.02	80.78